

CAPITOL CHIPS

MINIATURE NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

Committee Work in the Senate and House—Statement of the Various Appropriation Bills—Mineral Law in Alaska—A Conscience Contribution—Departments.

Louis M. Price, of the Treasury Department, is temporary receiver of the Pacific National bank of Boston.

Secretary Polger yesterday received a contribution of \$2,787.50 in an envelope, marked St. Joseph, Mo.

John C. McLaughlin, of the Treasury Department, has called on the national banks at the close of business on Friday, May 29.

The Secretary of War and Adjutant-General will attend the graduating exercises at the United States Military Academy beginning on Monday.

The board to examine candidates for appointment as cadets in the Revenue Marine met at the Treasury Department yesterday, and will continue its session to-day.

Congressman E. C. Fletcher has written a letter to Democratic voters of the tenth congressional district of Kentucky declining to become a candidate.

Senator Logan favors the compulsory clause Army bill retiring officers at the age of 62. It will go into the Army bill in that section, and will be a part of the bill to be passed in both the Army and Navy.

The Comptroller of the Currency has called a report showing the condition of all the national banks in the United States for 1902. He has just appointed Lins M. Friedman of the Pacific National Bank of Boston. The clerks of the inspection division of the Treasury Department are being paid very much increased at the course of Representative Cannon, who took occasion lately to allude to them as incompetent and corrupt. They are now paid \$1,000 a year, and are being investigated into their competency, honesty, and moral ability.

Great fear is expressed among census clerks that the census of 1905 will be the last one that the bureau will conduct. It has been rumored that the census of 1905 will be the last one that the bureau will conduct.

The President sent the following nomination to the Senate Monday: Leland C. Bacon, of New York, to be Consul of the United States at Samarra, Mesopotamia; John L. M. McKim, of New York, to be Consul of the United States at Constantinople; John H. Eames, of West Chester, N. H., to be Consul of the United States at West Chester, N. H.; John H. Eames, of West Chester, Mass., to be Consul of the United States at West Chester, Mass.; and John H. Eames, of West Chester, Mich., to be Consul of the United States at West Chester, Mich.

The House Committee on the Judiciary met May 19 and further considered the bill introduced by Mr. Foster. The committee reported it granted to railroad which have not complied with the terms of the granting acts shall be forfeited. After discussing the case of the Northern Pacific Railroad, the committee resulted in the adoption of the report of the committee declaring the lands granted to the Northern Pacific Railway to be non-forfeitable. The committee also adopted a minority report to the House. A dissenting view was submitted a statement of their dissenting views being subject.

The Postmaster-General, in relation to a resolution of the House, presented a memorial from the

speaker, in which he recommends that the age on second-class matter (vapors and magazines) be abolished. He also states that the fourth-class matter (books) be carried at a loss to the government, and if the government will pay for the transportation of either class it should be the second class instead of the fourth. Including the letter the Postmaster-General I am led to the conclusion that Congress may present this bill, and that it will be altered to suit the subscribers to newspapers and magazines, and send the same through the mails without charge, whether such subscribers reside within the county of publication or outside of it."

The project now before Congress for consideration is the Mississippi with the Great Northern Lake

tion of sixty-five miles of canal, from near government armory and arsenal on Rock Island to Hennepin, on the Illinois River, seems to be giving very general recognition as a great national work in the interest of cheap transportation of food. The people of the Northwest have felt the necessity for this all-water route to connect them with their Eastern market as a regulation. Chambers of commerce and boards of trade are renewing urging the matter on the immediate attention of Congress, and the En-

Mr. Miller, of California, yesterday introduced a resolution to authorize the President to declare martial law in the Territory of Alaska. It provides that the peace and good order of the Territory in Southeast Alaska are constantly endangered by acts of evil-disposed persons and that no protection of life and property by civil government is declared there. It therefore authorizes the President to declare martial law in such portions of the Territory as he may designate, and to appoint an officer of the Army or Navy to act as military governor therein, who shall exercise all the powers and duties of a military commander and may

It has been learned that the suspension of sentence in the case of Doyle, convicted of counterfeiting in Chicago, was the result of a conference between the Attorney-General and the Secretary of the Treasury, but the exact reasons for this are not known. It is believed, however, that the reason was that before the conference, it was intended to show that the parts of the plates which the \$1,000 counterfeit band was made genuine, and not counterfeit, as testified by Brockway and Smythe a few years ago. It is a mystery how the parts of the plate were obtained. It is known that one of the reasons

The statement that the Treasury Department offered a reward of \$15,000 for information on the whereabouts of the stolen \$1,000 bond is also true. The statement that the Treasury Department officers are in hopes of obtaining information through him or his friends which will give the true history of the stolen \$1,000 bond is also true.

The President on Monday afternoon sent to the House of Representatives a report from the Secretary of State and its accompanying documents in reference to the House resolution concerning imprisonment of American citizens in Iran. The report and documents are quite voluminous and also in detail form which can be made available to the public.

Frelinghuysen, in concluding his letter to Mr. Lowell, used this language: "The President, however, has little doubt that Her Majesty's government do not intend to insist in practice upon an extreme doctrine that an American citizen, including there is no charge shall, without in-

he believes that by fairly considering each case as it arises, conclusions will be reached satisfactory to both governments. After satisfying you that the three persons whose names are reported to us are citizens, you will ask, if the U.S.'s government why they are detained, whether it is contemplated to give them

The Senate in executive session Monday affirmed the following nominations: United

Texas; James S. Rutan, for Western District of Pennsylvania; Thomas N. Van Vleetken, supervising inspector for the Ninth District; George M. Chapman, of New York to be an Inspector; Captain Oswald H. Ernst, to be an Engineer Corps; Captain John C. Bates, to be an Engineer; to be major of Fifth Infantry.

Lieutenant Henry M. Benson, to be captain
eighth Infantry; Second Lieutenant Alfred B.
son, to be first lieutenant seventh Infantry;
Lieutenant John B. Guthrie, to be captain
tenth Infantry; Second Lieutenant John
Pesbine, to be first lieutenant thirteenth In-
fantry; First Lieutenant William B. Maize, to be
captain twentieth Infantry; Second Lieutenant

entire McNally, of District of Columbia, to be
finance clerkkeeper, with the rank of captain;
Jamin E. Robinson, to be postmaster at Fair
Ill.; James S. Fausk, at Napoleon, Ohio; Ju

Yoe, at Independence, Kan.; James H. Ho at Uniontown, Ala.; William G. Stewart, at Hassock, Fla.; George J. Arnow, at Gainesville; Samuel W. Hackus, at San Francisco, Cal.

Wilson, Enoch Totten, and A. B. Williams appeared before Judge Wylie to give bail in the present indictment found against him in the route cases. The court fixed the amount of bail at \$20,000, with Nathan W. Fitzgerald as a surety who duly qualified.